

REMARKS

By the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has made proposed modifications (highlighted in yellow) to each of the figures of the present application for purposes of correcting informalities therein. Similarly, Applicant has amended various passages of the Specification of the present application for purposes of correcting various informalities therein. The Specification has also been amended to make reference to the applicable priority data. Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the drawings and amendments to the Specification as highlighted above do not introduce any new matter into the present application.

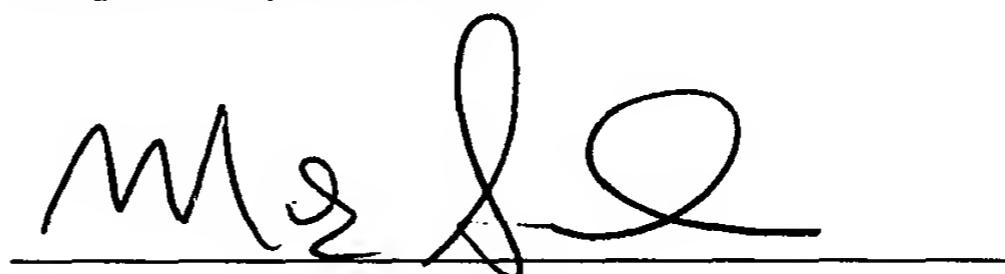
In addition to the foregoing, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-16 and added new Claims 17-32 into prosecution. New Claims 17-32 comprise method claims similar to those withdrawn from consideration during the prosecution of the parent application Serial No. 09/687,787.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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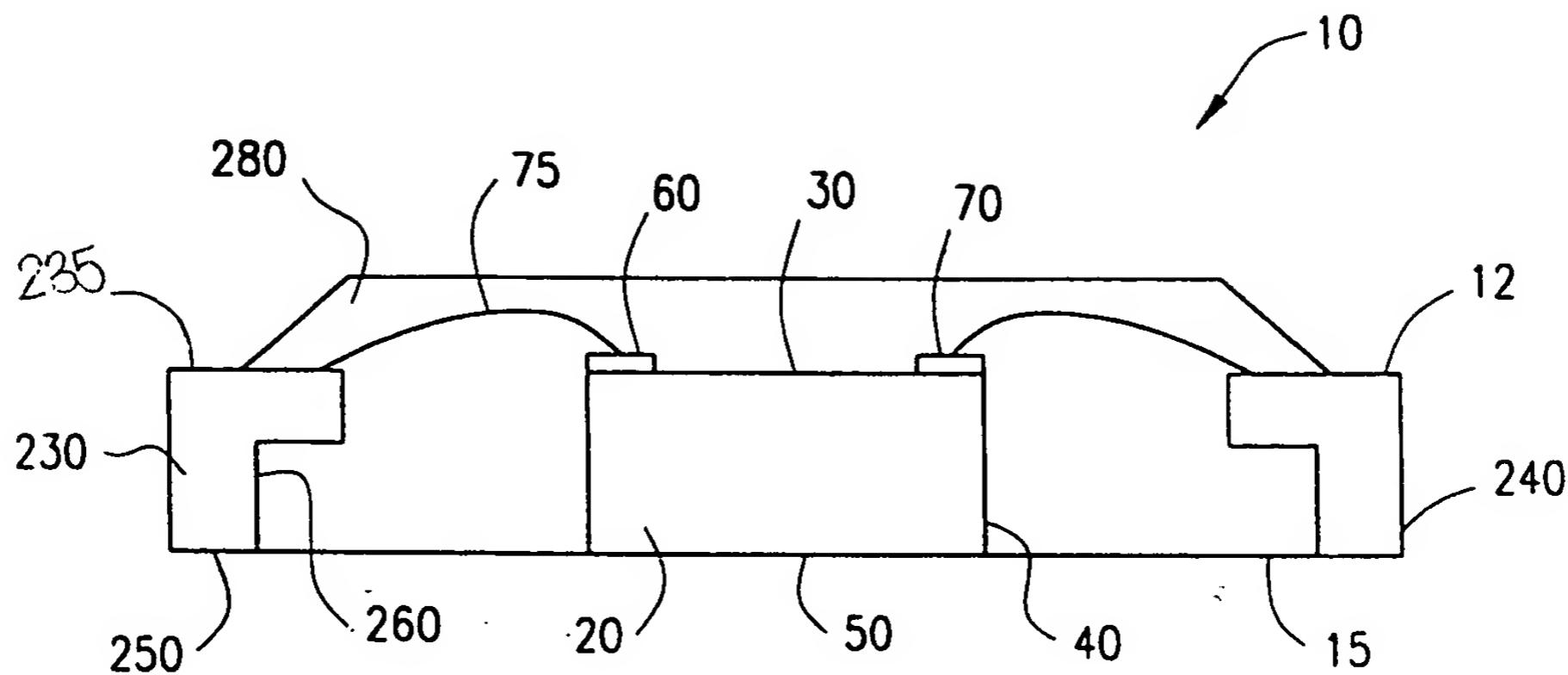


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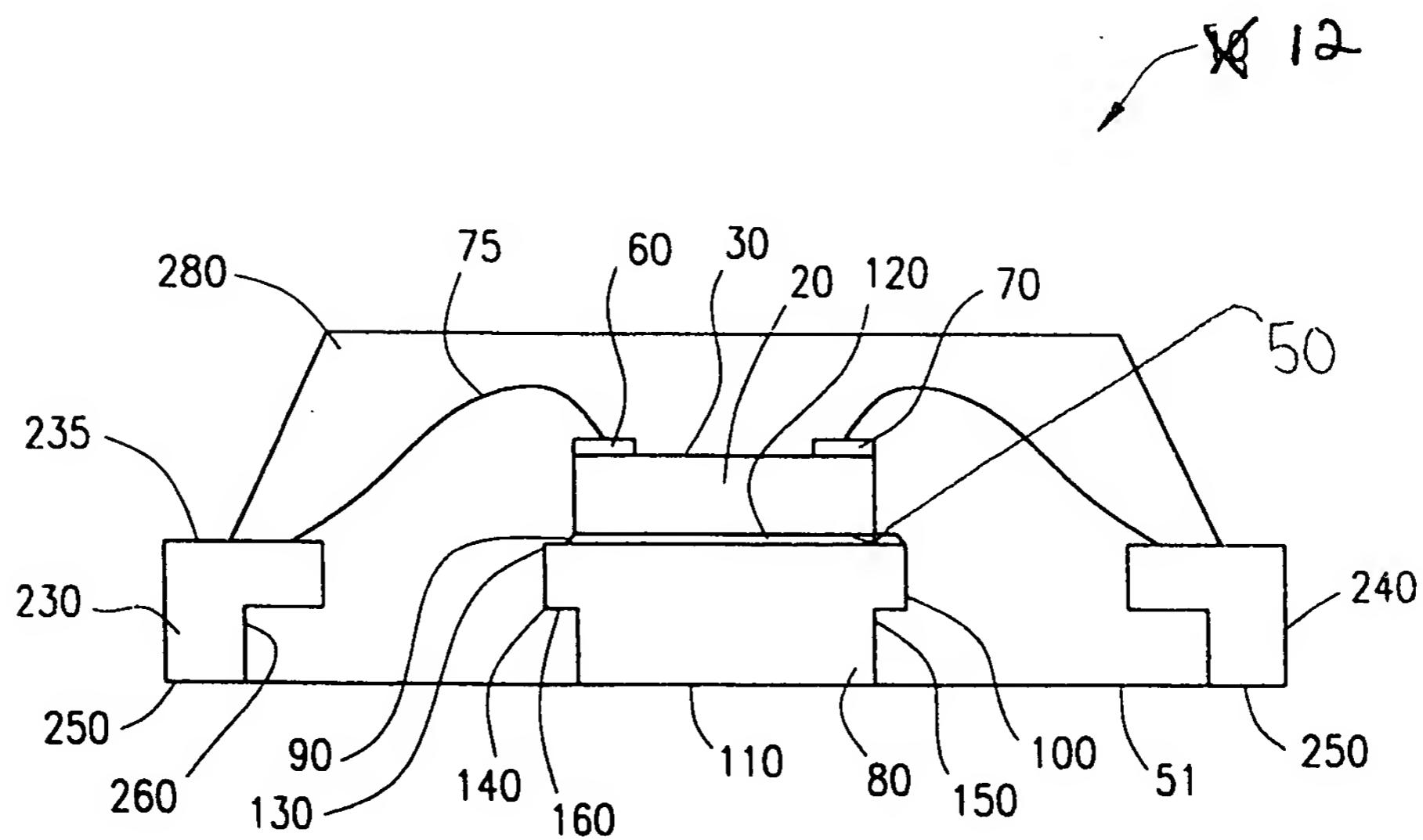


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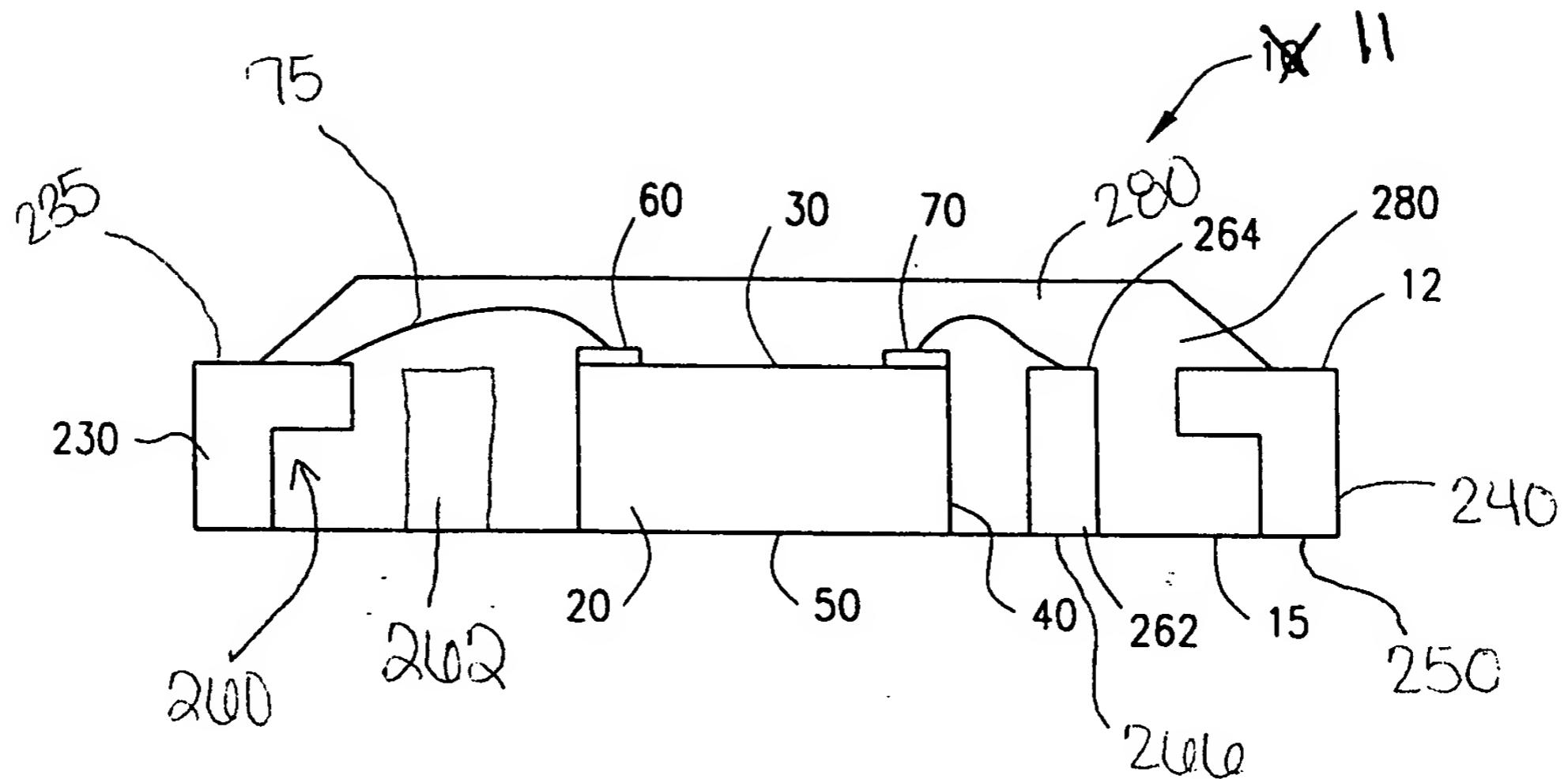


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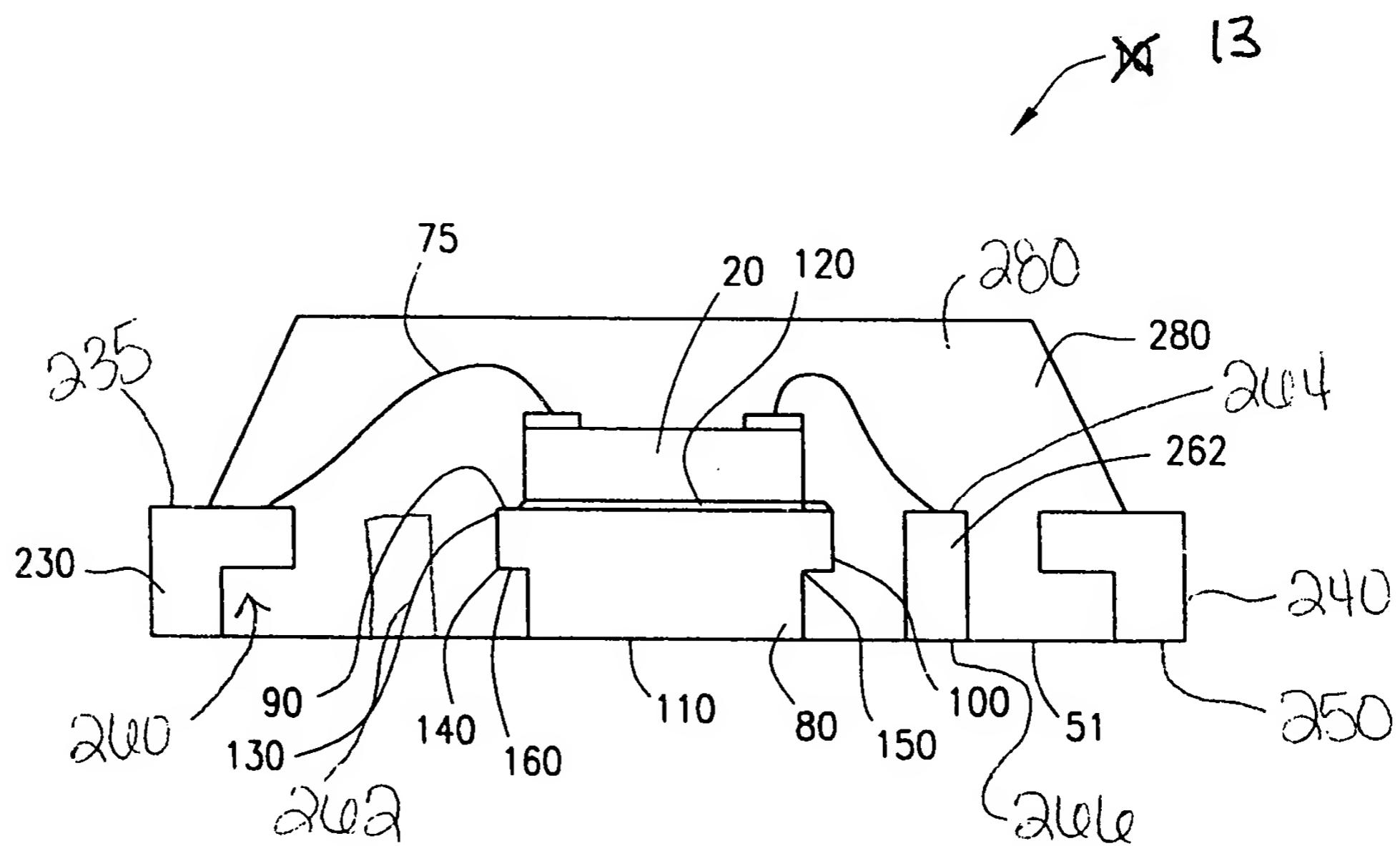


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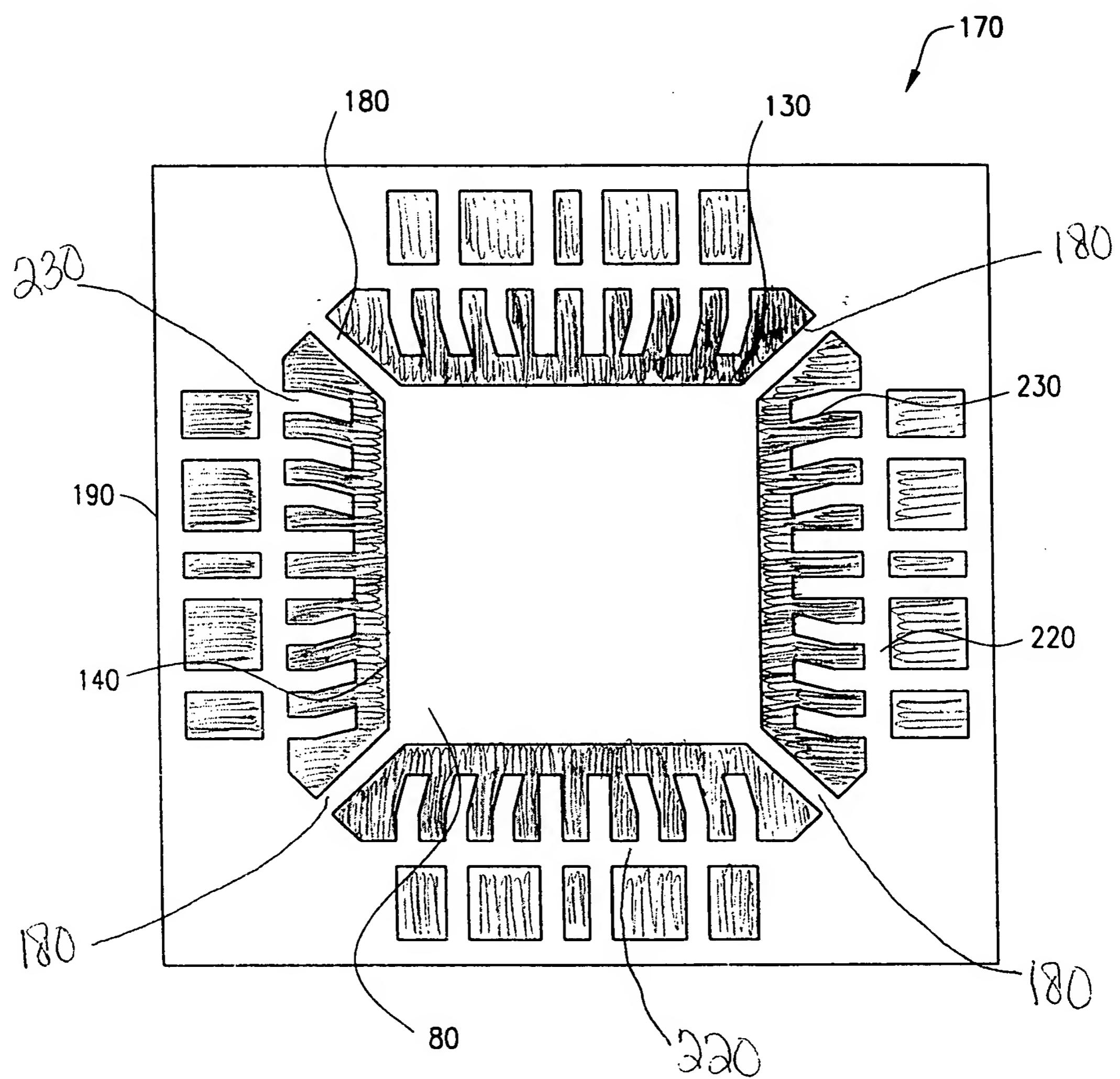


FIG. 3

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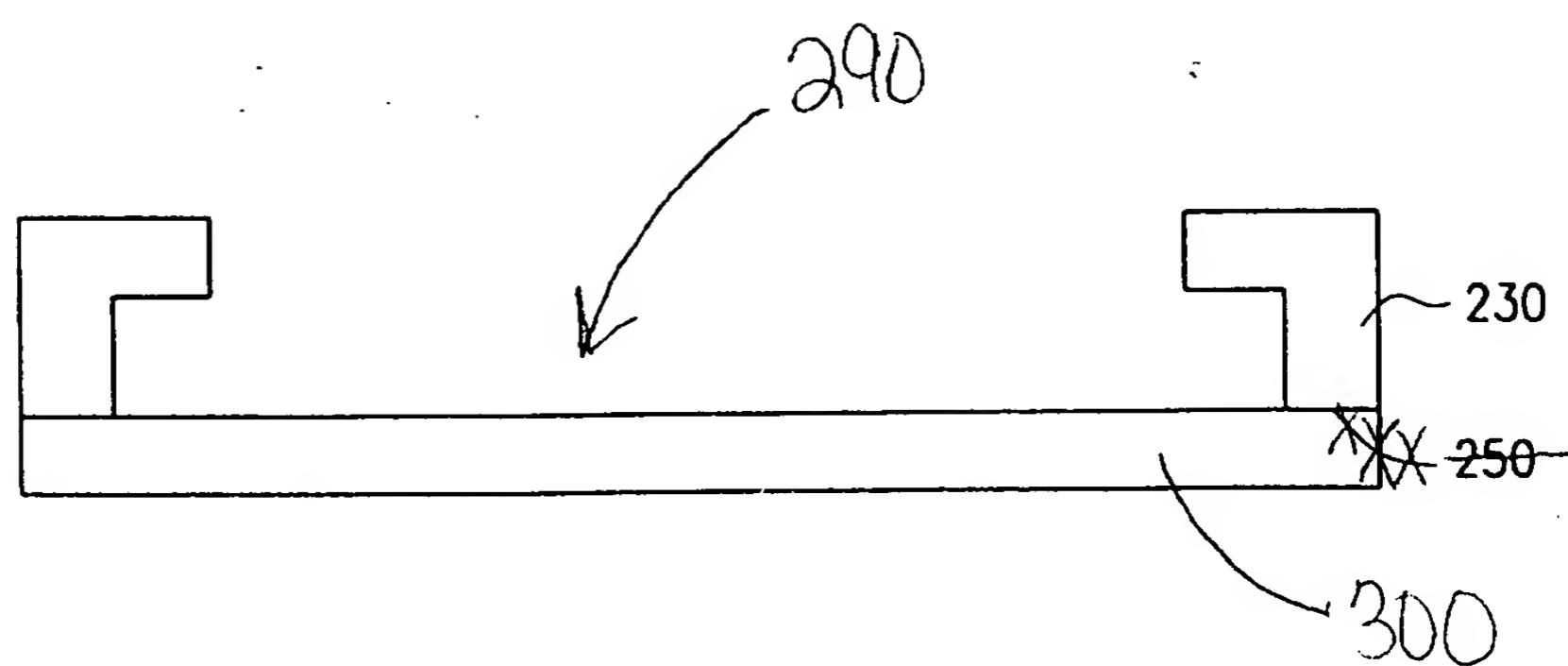


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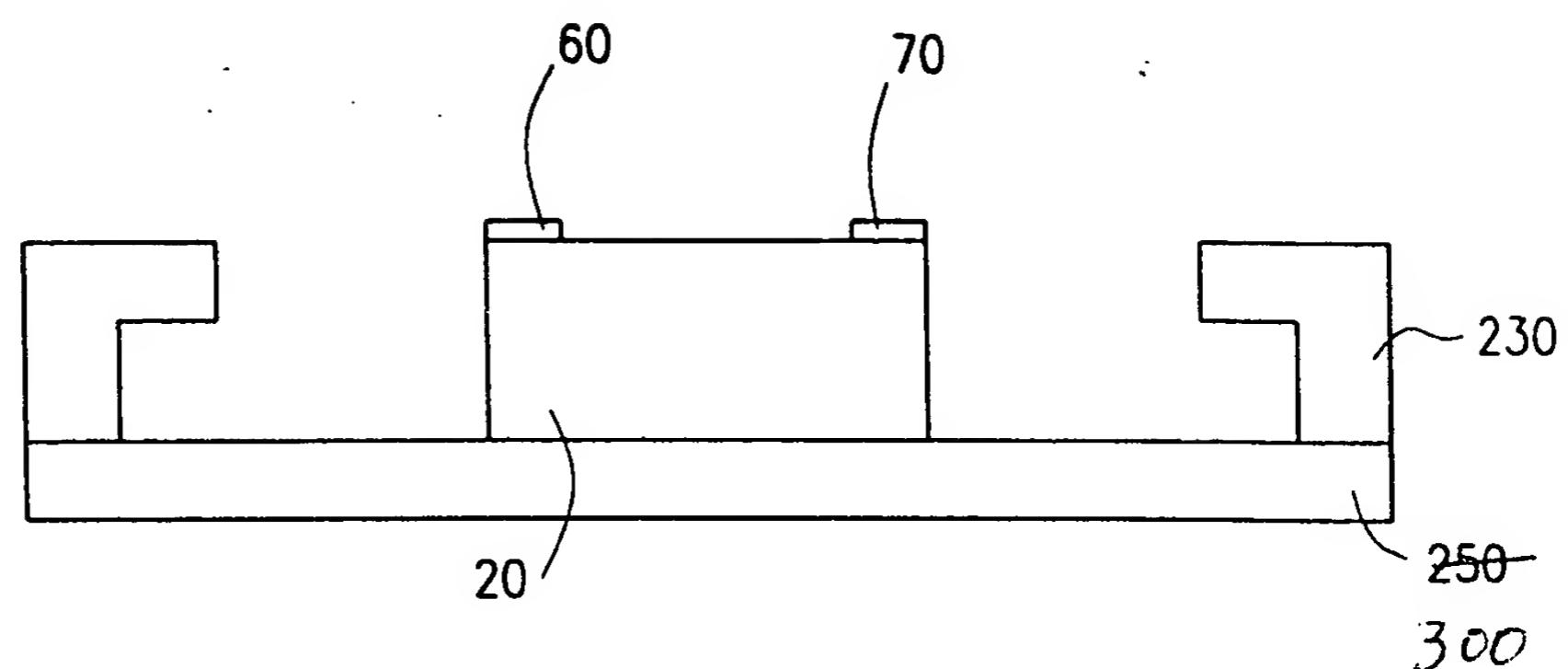


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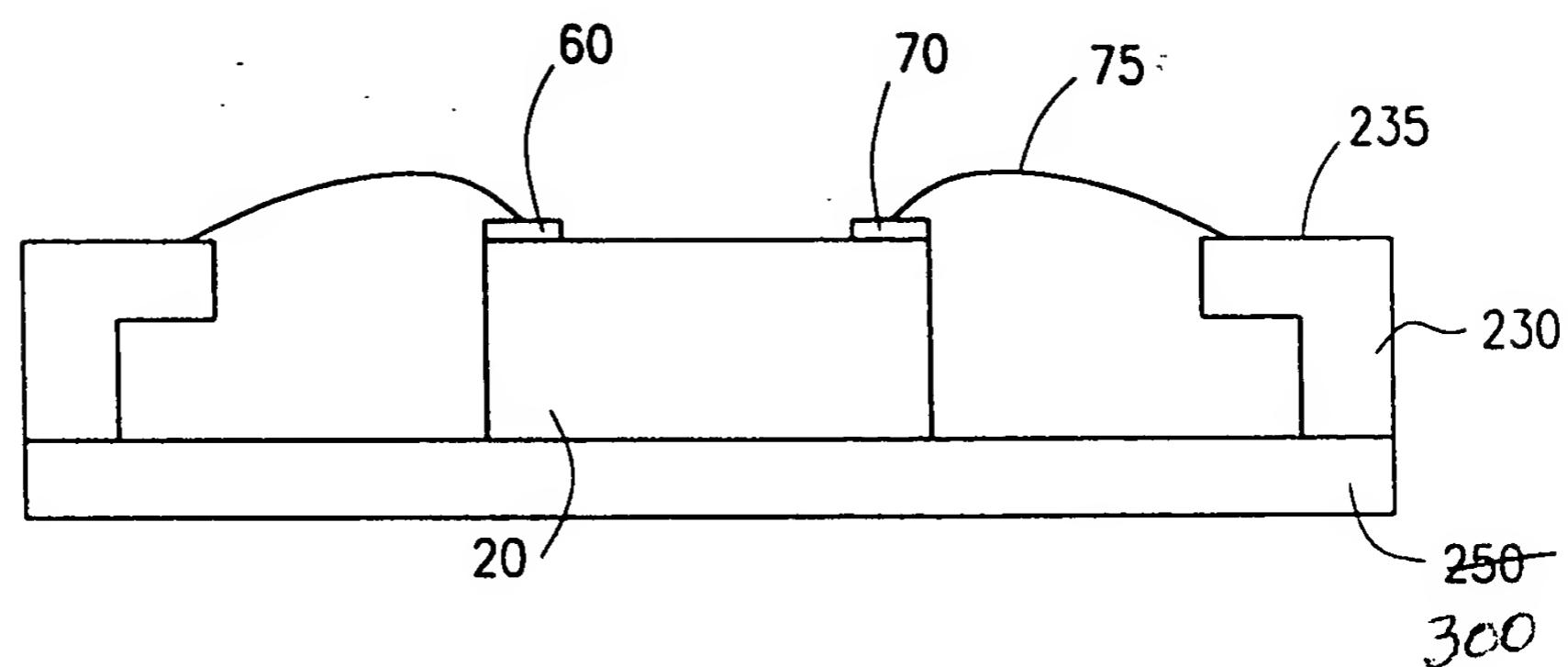


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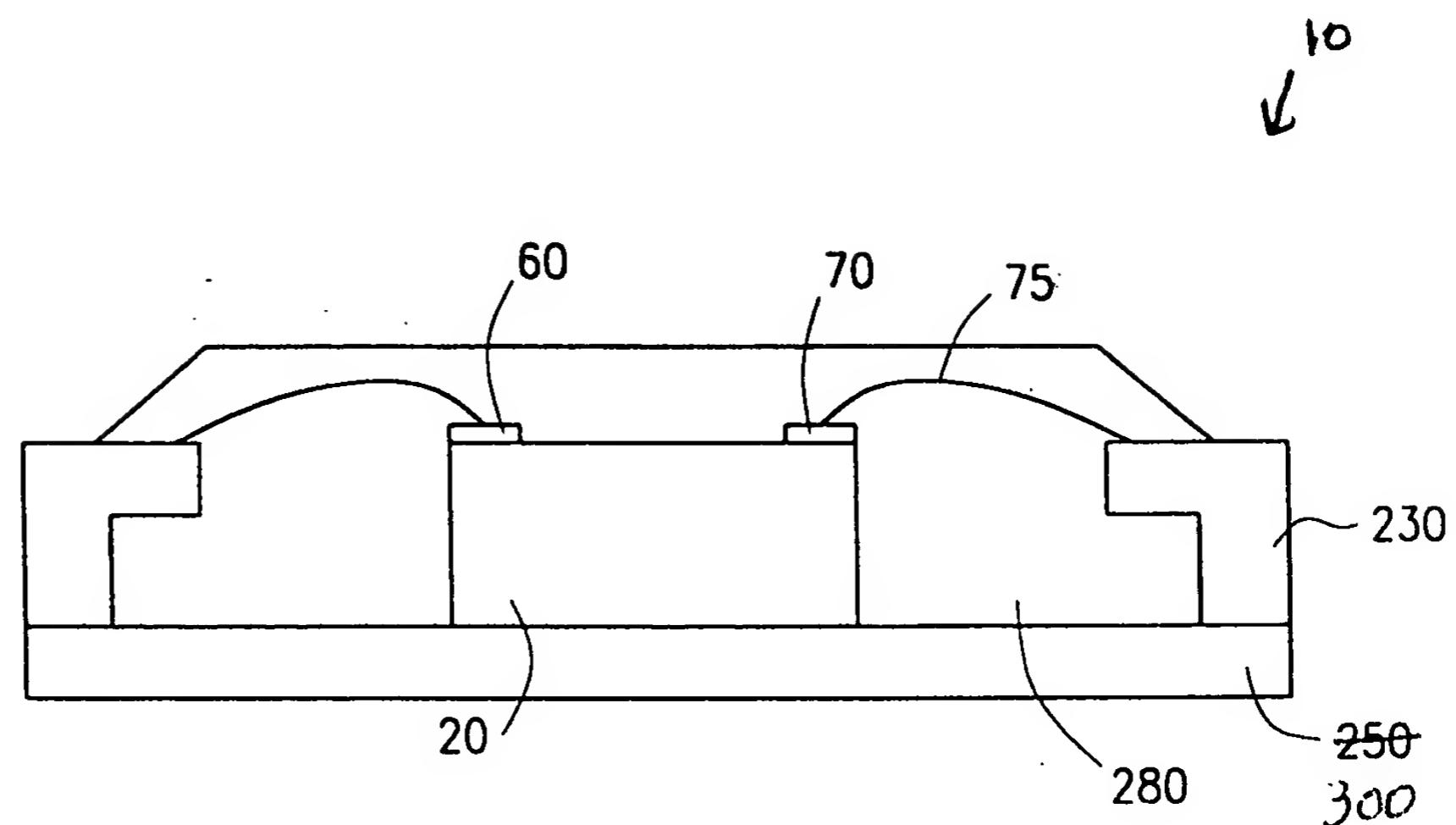


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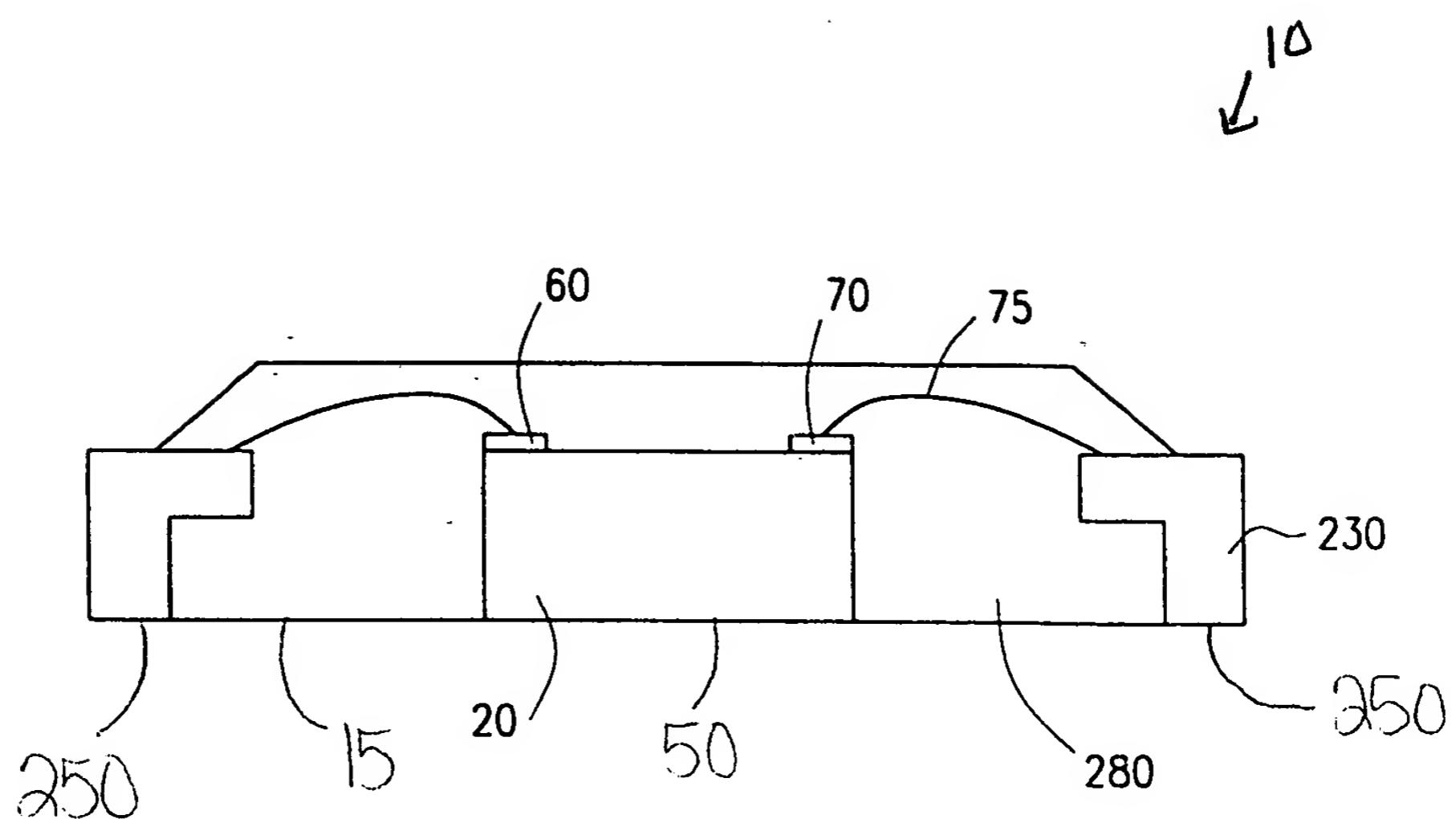


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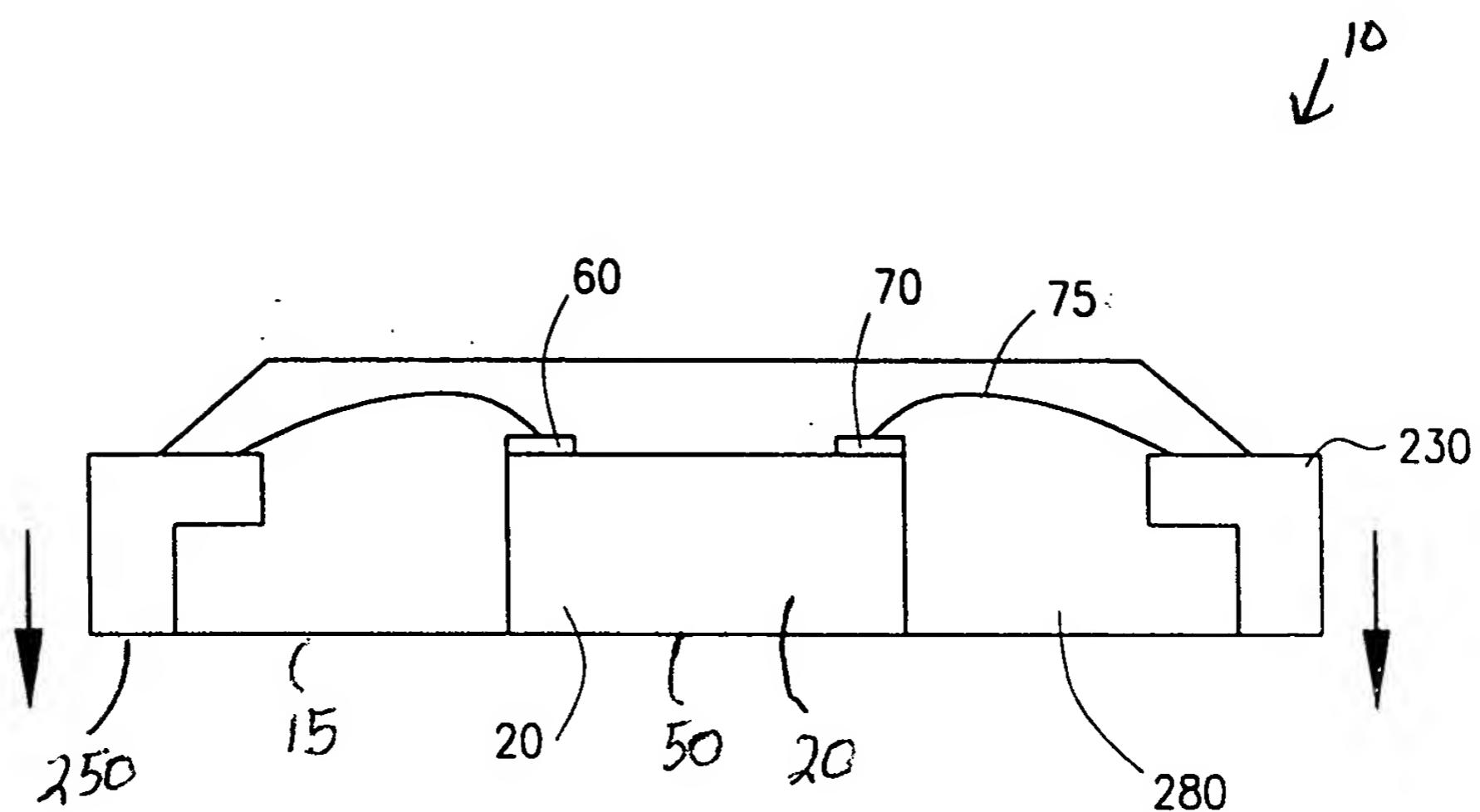


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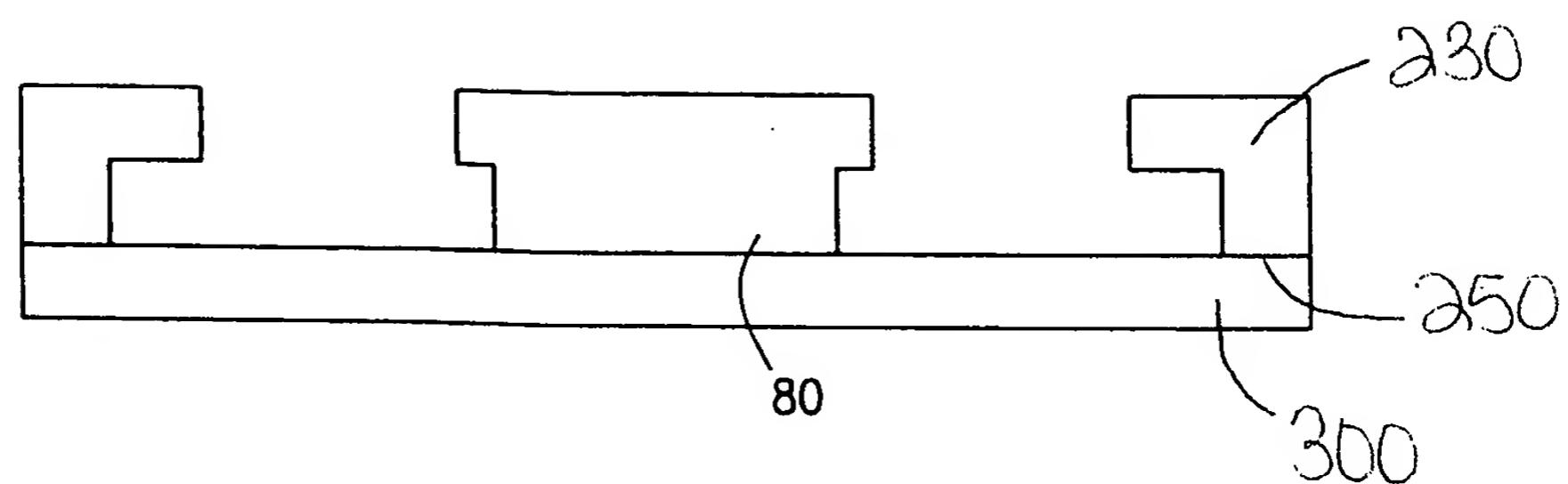


FIG. 10

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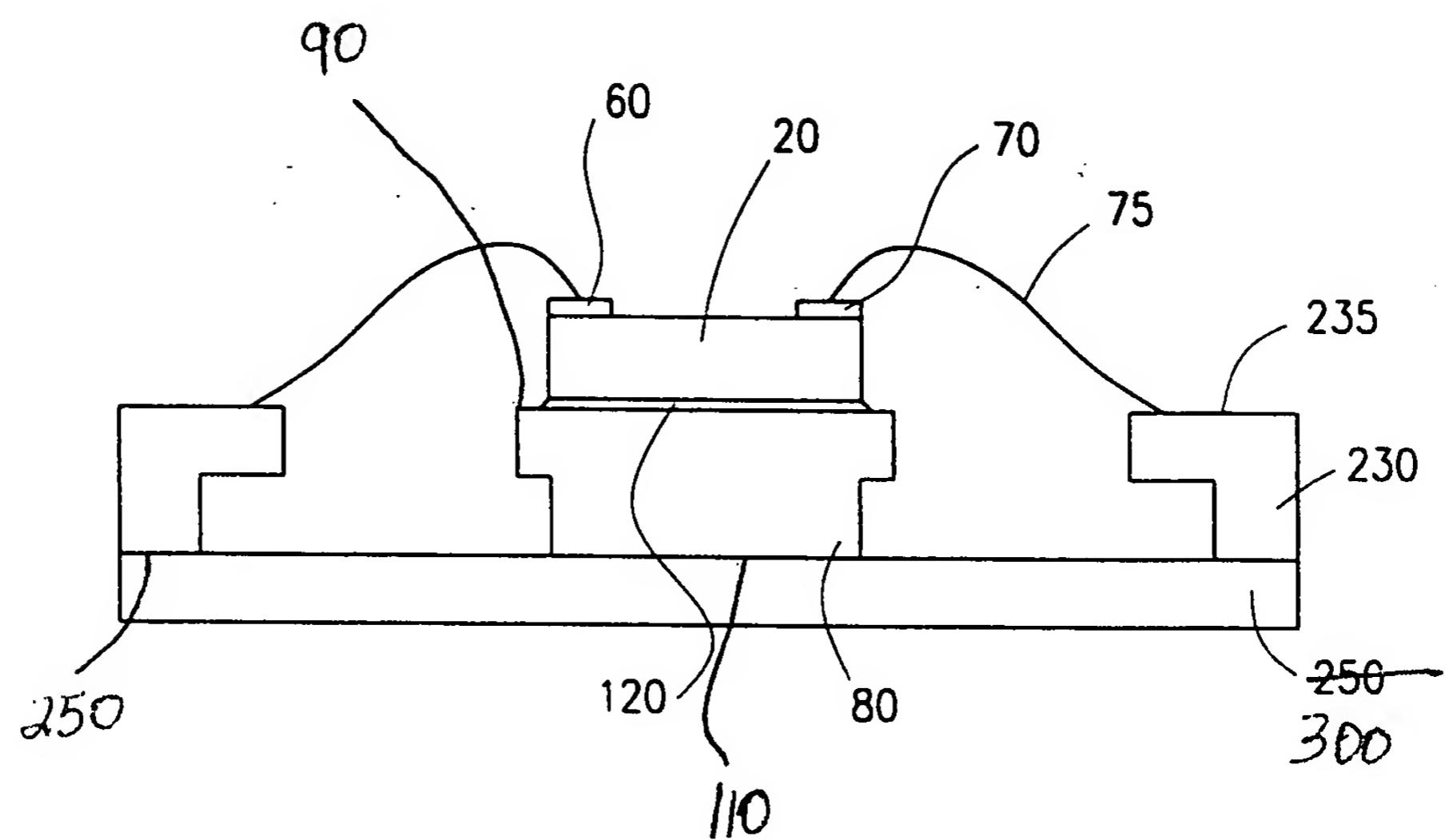


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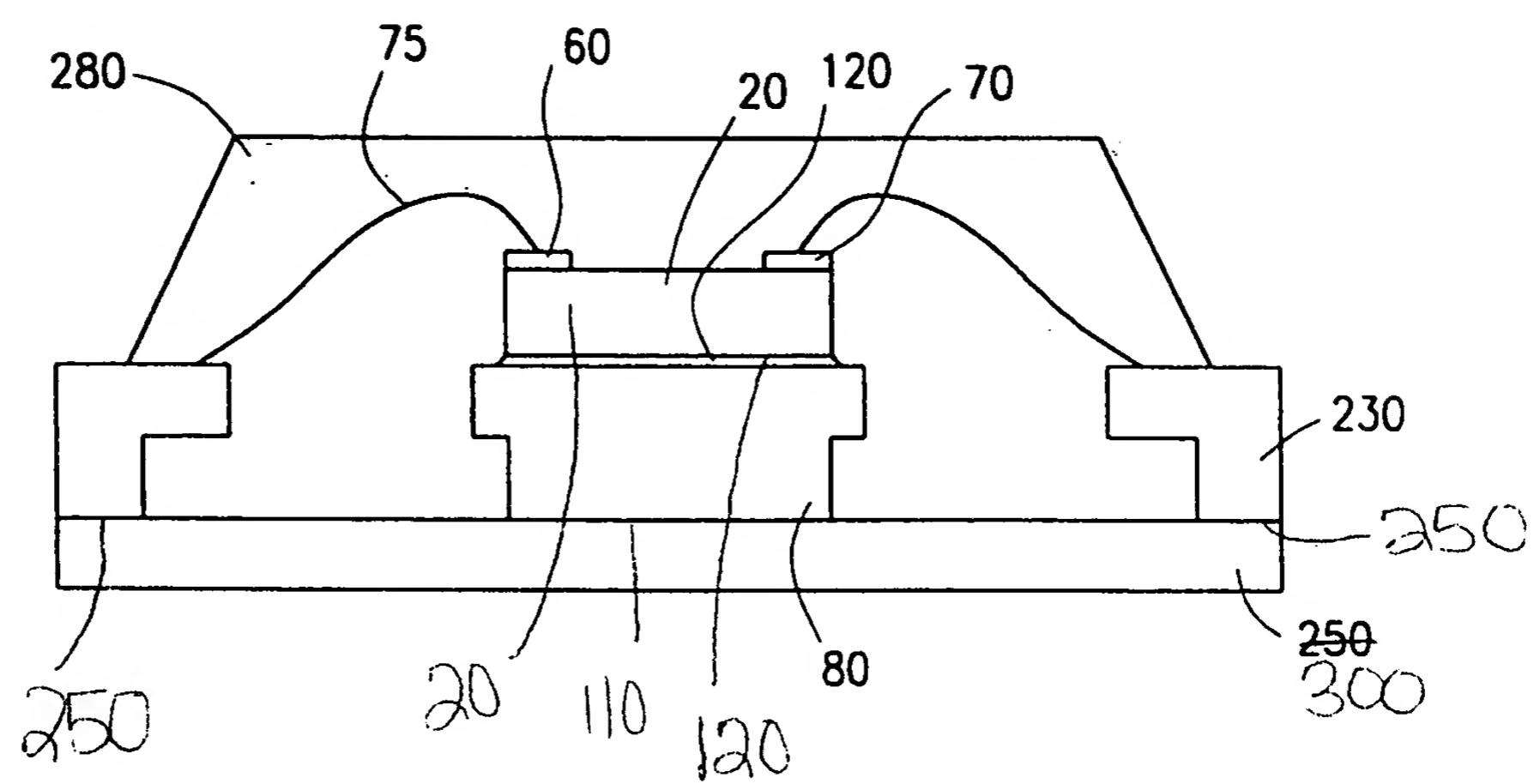


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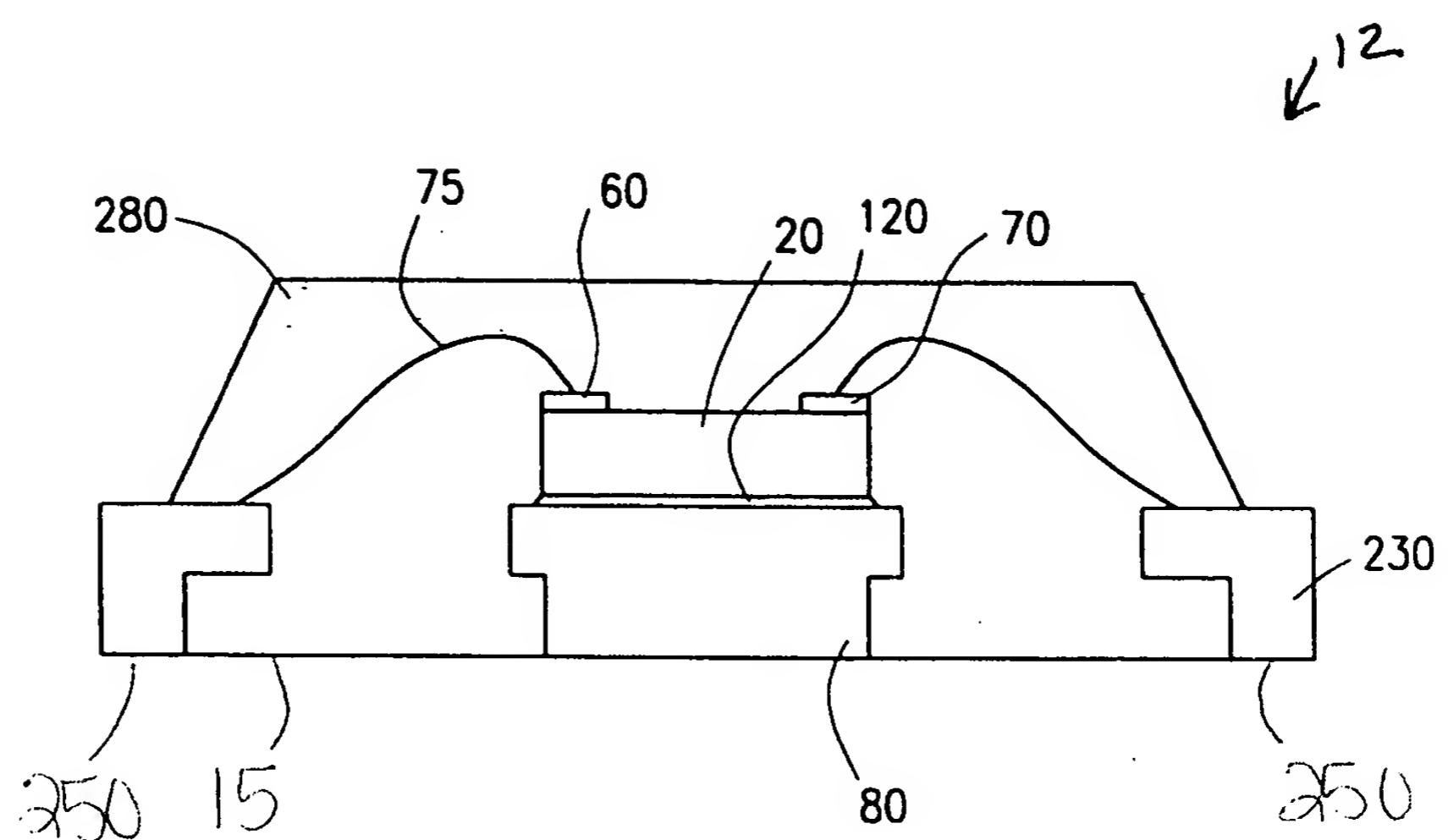


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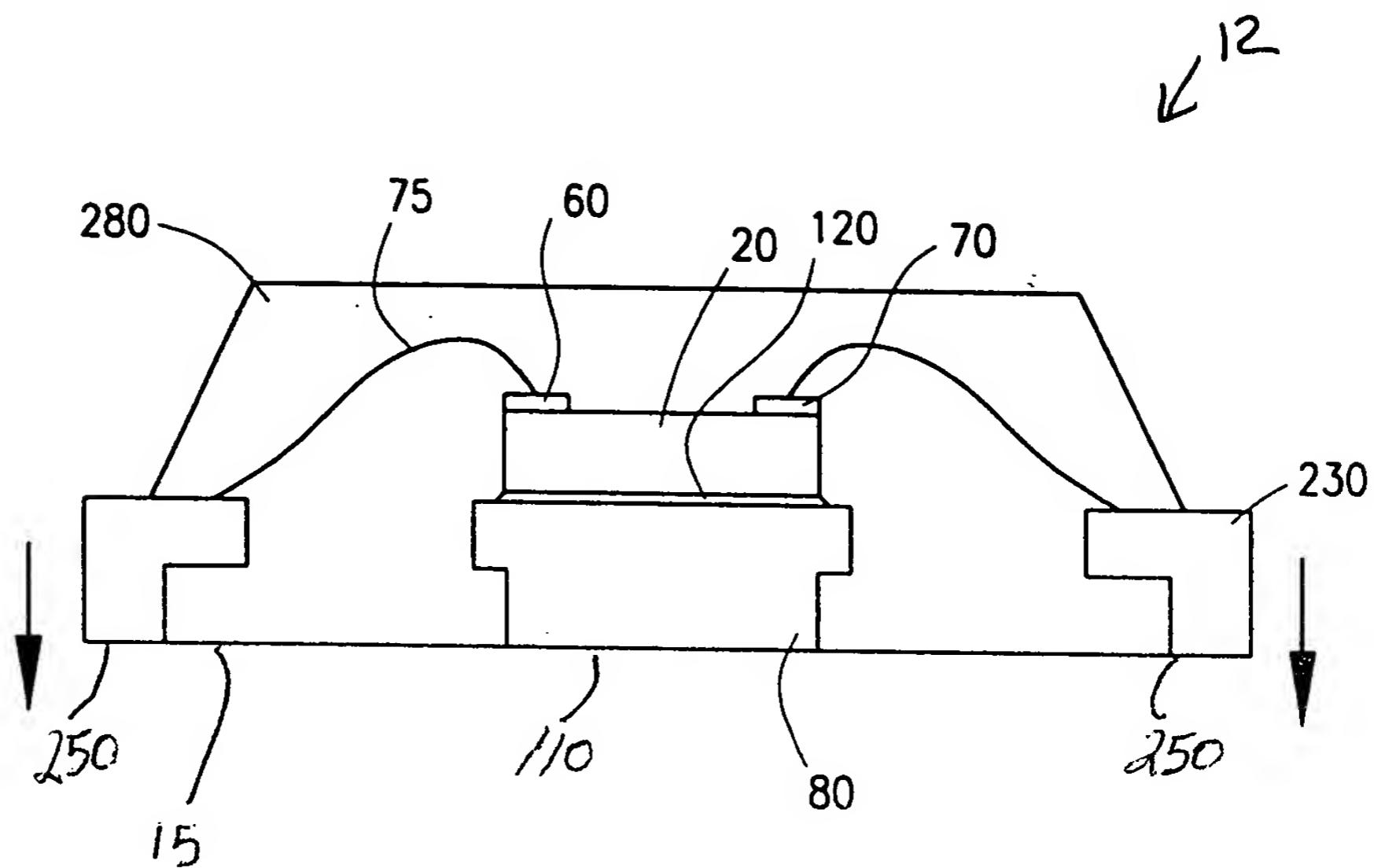


FIG. 14